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SUBJECT: TRADE ACT OF 1974 - GSP

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 0036, (B) STATE 282967, (C) STATE 8935

1. SECTION 503(B) OF TRADE ACT PROVIDES THAT, IN CASES WHERE ASSOCIATIONS OF COUNTRIES WHICH CONSTITUTE FREE TRADE AREAS OR CUSTOMS UNIONS HAVE OPTED FOR TREATMENT AS ONE COUNTRY, AND WHERE TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION OF COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE VALUE OF AN ARTICLE, THE 50 PERCENT VALUE-ADDED CRITERION WILL APPLY. ACT ALSO PROVIDES, HOWEVER, THAT GSP WOULD BE ACCORDED TO AN ARTICLE IF ONE COUNTRY WHICH IS A MEMBER OF SUCH AN ASSOCIATION IS ABLE TO MEET 35 PERCENT VALUE-ADDED CRITERION ON THAT ARTICLE.

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2. ALTHOUGH IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ISSUED, WE EXPECT THAT CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ARTICLES TO BE ACCORDED GSP TREATMENT, WITH DECISIONS MADE BY US CUSTOMS ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. EXPORTER WILL THUS BE ABLE TO DECIDE FOR EACH EXPORT WHICH OF TWO VALUE-ADDED CRITERIA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN QUALIFYING FOR GSP.

3. AS SHOULD BE CONCLUDED FROM ABOVE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF FREE TRADE AREAS OR CUSTOMS UNIONS, AND WHICH REQUEST DESIGNATION AS SUCH FOR GSP PURPOSES,

ARE NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY IN ADVANCE WHICH PRODUCTS WOULD BE COVERED BY WHICH VALUE-ADDED CRITERION. IN ADDITION, APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS BENEFICIARY COUNTRY ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY BASIS WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICE SIMULTANEOUS OR LATER APPLICATION FOR TREATMENT OF ASSOCIATION OF COUNTRIES AS ONE COUNTRY.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EXPORTS OF COUNTRIES REQUESTING AGGREGATION FOR PURPOSES OF RULES OF ORIGIN WILL ALSO BE AGGREGATED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPETITIVE NEED FOR ALL PRODUCTS AS INDICATED PARA 3 REFTEL B.

5. RE CARTEL PROVISION, SEE PARA 3 REFTEL C. KISSINGER

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